



MAY 2022
NEWSLETTER

The Military Order of the World Wars ~ Phoenix Pacesetter Chapter

WHAT'S NEW: Commander's Time



Greetings Companions, Families, and Friends of the Order:

Wow!! I for one am happy to be finished with the month of APR! It was a rough month for many of us because of taxes; but, also, the Minor and Blaes families lost immediate family members. Additionally, I am still feeling the ripple effects of the MAR loss of our Companion and Chapter Treasurer, Al Shipley. I can tell you that is no easy task to take over the duties of the Treasurer, while performing as the Chapter President! Remember, any losses that we experience in our membership have to be made up in recruiting new members; and so, we will continue to try to finish out the MOWW operating year on 30 JUN with an increase of at least 4 additional members.

On 29-30 APR 2022, both Jeanne and I attended the 2022 NGAZ and EANGA State Conference, held this year at the Casino Del Sol in Tucson, AZ. Jeanne manned an AZ AUSA Chapter membership table, and at the same time assisted me at our Phoenix Chapter MOWW Patriotic Education booth, which was set up next to them. It was great to be able to talk to all of our AZ citizen Soldiers and Airmen/women (and families) of the AZNG, led by MG Kerry L. Muehlenbeck, the Adjutant General (TAG) of AZ and Director of the AZ Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA). She was kind enough to come to our table to converse with us and thank our Chapter for our contribution to the Conference. There were at least ten Guard members that were very interested in our AZYL Conference, and we (hopefully) succeeded in recruiting one new member to our Chapter, which would satisfy the recruitment requirement for this year. However, I urge you all to continue pressing forward in finding and recruiting qualified individuals who would be able to assist our Chapter in achieving the goals of our MOWW programs in Patriotic Education, JROTC/SROTC, HLS, etc.!!



I was able to visit two outstanding high school JROTC units: Caesar Chavez in Laveen, led by Captain Steve Fife, one of our Chapter members (photos pg 2); as well as, at Maryvale HS, to present MOWW JROTC medals. MAJ/Dr. Kirk Loving presented our MOWW medal to one of his outstanding students at Betty Fairfax HS, and Mike Halpin presented the JROTC awards at Coconino HS in Flagstaff and to NAU Lumberjack ROTC BN recipients (photos pg 2). Mike will also make JROTC medal presentations at Bradshaw and Prescott High Schools.

The key focus for the next two months is AZYLC 2022 to be conducted from 5-9 Jul 2022 at ASU West. We need the names and information on those students that would attend by the middle of the second week of MAY. Currently, we have the paperwork on a potential delegate from Flagstaff (who is also an Eagle Scout), and the Phoenix Union HS District JROTC Program Director has promised to send our Chapter nominations for at least 10-15 additional delegates. Do not forget to nominate your family members and those HS sophomore and juniors of friends and neighbors. Anyone interested in nominating a delegate can look up all of the information and find the forms on our

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AZYLIC 2022 website at www.azylc.org, or call me. I will be interviewing each of the nominated candidates telephonically, and I would like to be able to select at least 15 delegates for our Chapter to sponsor this year. We are running out of time and the nomination paperwork must be in soon!!!

As mentioned in our previous Newsletter, a Region XIII quarterly meeting was held on 7 APR 2022 and Region XIII CDR, Pat Stoltz, provided me a Chapter assessment based upon our 2020-2021 Chapter Activity Report, 2021-2022 Mid-term Chapter Activity Report, current OY Chapter Action Plan, ZOOM Chapter Membership Meetings, and his personal visit. I received a written report on 27 APR 2022 with a final determination that our Phoenix Chapter "exceeds expectations". He said that our chapter is energetic, viable and sustainable and fully compliant with MOWW requirements, minus Recruiting. He mentioned our use of Zoom to reach out to our Companions who are unable to come to on-site meetings. A shortcoming that we must address in the near term, is that of a viable chapter succession plan for all of our key command slots (CDR, SR Vice, and JR Vice). In order to do that, we will need to identify volunteer members who will fill our current vacant Chapter positions, and be willing to fill our key command slots in the future! All in all, I feel that we received a fair and accurate assessment.

Last month, I also mentioned that the Region XIII CDR wants to recommend that the our Region host a convention in 2024 or 2026. I have not received any feedback on this proposal, and still would like to know what your thoughts are; drop me a line via email and let me know. Our Chapter Action Report for this fiscal year ending 30 JUN is due soon, and our Staff members are working to complete their portions of that report. Also, we owe an answer to the Region CDR's query on how many of us are going to the MOWW 2022 National Convention in Jacksonville, FL from 2-7 AUG 2022. As you know, Debbie and I plan to attend. This is an opportunity to not only visit the lovely coastal state of FL, but to also meet with other Companions, enjoy their camaraderie, and learn more about MOWW Chapters and Best Practices from around our great nation. I hope to hear from you soon if you are thinking about attending. To learn more about the Conference see page 3 of this Newsletter or go to moww.org [CONVENTION 2022](http://moww.org).

CDR Dick Minor



26 APR 2022. MOWW Award Presentation by CDR Minor to CDT Jhoanna Echeverria at Cesar Chavez HS



1 MAY 2022. Presentation of MOWW ROTC Awards by Mike Halpin at NAU ROTC Awards Ceremony:
Top Left: CDT Pilarski,
Top Right: CDT Penley, and
Below: CDT Garrett

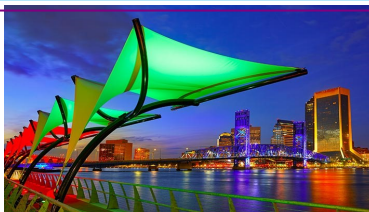
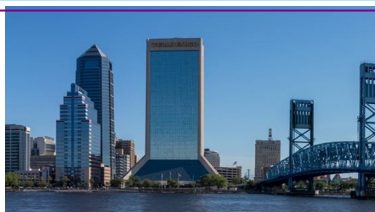


*Recruiting viable and active membership for our Phoenix Chapter continues to be a primary goal for our 2022 OY. You can help by recruiting from your friends and families, plus give someone a **Gift of Membership**. Remember, when talking to potential members, make sure that you are able to tell them about the benefits that they will receive as members and let them know of the outreach programs that we are involved in. Also, be aware of the following:*

TO JOIN. Potential members can complete a Membership Application or go to <http://www.moww.org/> and click on the “BECOME A MEMBER” tab at the top left of the screen. Just fill in the form ... and, remember, on the HQ MOWW Form 1, “MOWW Membership Application,” dated 23 Sept 2021, new members can use a **credit card** to pay!

Membership Categories:

- ★ Regular (Annual) Membership @ \$40.00/year
- ★ Regular Perpetual Membership @ 1 x \$350.00 or 4 x \$87.50 quarterly installments
- ★ Veteran Regular (Annual) Membership @ \$40.00/year
- ★ Memorial Perpetual @ 1x \$200.00
- ★ Hereditary (Annual) Membership @ \$40.00/year



SAVE THE DATE!

2-7 AUGUST 2022 MOWW NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2022 MOWW National Convention will be held in Jacksonville, FL from 2-7 AUG 2022 at the Southbank Hotel/Marriot Delta on the Jacksonville Riverwalk, Jacksonville, FL.

On 2 AUG the Northeast Florida Cadre Chapter & Region VI will sponsor a 2022 Convention Golf Tournament at the Hidden Hills Golf Club located at 3901 Monument Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32212. For more information and to register for the Tournament please see the Flyer at the following [LINK](#). A Welcome Buffet will be held on 3 AUG.

More Convention 2022 information has been published on the back cover of the JAN/FEB Officer Review or go to the [moww.org CONVENTION 2022](http://moww.org/CONVENTION2022) webpage to get the latest in what's happening.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW! Will you make a time commitment & volunteer to help our Chapter fill the many vacancies that we have in our Staff & Chair positions? Many of the following positions have been vacant for over a year! **Please, won't you help?**

* **CHAPLAIN** We are looking for someone who is supportive & serving, a person who is able to motivate & initiate meaningful use of each individual's beliefs & attitudes; current or former civilian cleric or military Chaplain or a lay representative **(this is a critical staff position)**

* **TREASURER** A dedicated member who will keep our Chapter's books **(this is a critical staff position)**

* **STAFF JAG** Do you know of a current or former civil or military Attorney; someone with a background in legal affairs? **(this is a critical staff position)**

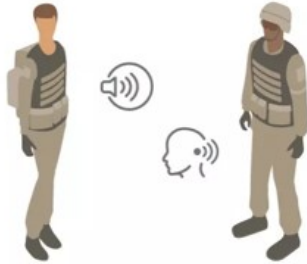
* **HISTORIAN** Our Historian will capture the history of the Chapter in publications, photos, documents, etc.

* **COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS, NATIONAL SECURITY, HOMELAND SECURITY, and LAW & ORDER

+_MEDIC's BAG_+ Can You Hear Me Now? - Military Hearing Loss



Hearing loss and tinnitus are the most common disabilities among veterans.



Military hearing loss and tinnitus - a ringing, buzzing or whistling in the ears - are the top two reasons for VA disability compensation claims. Most cases of military hearing loss are caused by exposure to loud noises that damage delicate hairs in the inner ear.

According to the VA, there are two broad categories of hearing loss: conductive hearing loss and sensorineural hearing loss. Some people have a combination of both types.

Damage to the eardrum and middle ear causes conductive hearing loss. This damage is often reversible with medication or surgery.

Sensorineural hearing loss is permanent damage to the inner ear and auditory nerve, but hearing aids can help. This type of hearing loss is the most common.

Veterans may also suffer from tinnitus, a buzzing or ringing in the ears that happens when no external noise is present. Though about 80 percent of tinnitus sufferers can function normally, others suffer lost sleep and difficulty concentrating, according to the VA.

In addition to the traditional types of hearing loss, veterans also suffer from auditory processing disorder, a condition associated with blast exposure. This disorder makes it difficult for some veterans to understand speech even if they score normally on hearing tests.

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Ten signs of hearing loss:

1. Buzzing, whistling or ringing in the ears (tinnitus symptoms)
2. Difficulty understanding conversations when you are in a noisy place, such as in a restaurant
3. Difficulty understanding speech over the phone
4. Having to ask others to speak more slowly and clearly
5. Having to ask someone to speak more loudly or repeat what they said
6. Hypersensitivity to or pain from certain sounds
7. Muffled speech and other sounds
8. Problems hearing high-pitched sounds such as bird chirps, alarm clocks or doorbells
9. Trouble distinguishing between the sounds of s and f, between p and t or between sh and th in speech
10. Turning up the volume of the television or radio

The military uses two basic tests to check for hearing loss and disability ratings: pure-tone audiometry and speech audiometry, also called speech discrimination.

Pure-tone audiometry is the most common type of hearing test. It tests the faintest tones a person can hear at different frequencies, or pitches. An audiologist uses the test to determine the degree of hearing loss. Audiologists determine the level of hearing loss by measuring the difference between a person's hearing threshold and the normal average. A score of zero means normal hearing. The higher the score, the louder it has to be for a person to hear the tone. It's important to keep in mind that pure-tone tests measure the sounds a person can hear but not how well they can understand speech.

Two different speech audiometry tests (also called Maryland CNC tests) can be used to measure a person's ability to understand human speech. One test measures the softest level at which a person recognizes speech, and a second test assesses their ability to understand speech.

The VA provides disability compensation for hearing loss and tinnitus. The first thing a veteran needs to do is to establish that their hearing loss or tinnitus is connected to their service. Visit the [VA's Eligibility for Benefits webpage](#) to read more about benefits eligibility and to start a claim.

Excerpt taken from the following article/website to create this column: <https://www.drugwatch.com/3m-combat-arms-earplugs/hearing-loss/>

CHAPLAINS CORNER: HELP ME, GOD!

“Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered.” PSALM 108:6

When I first started praying through the psalms, I used to get tripped up on psalms like Psalm 109. In this psalm David seems vengeful and angry. How could David pray that his enemies' children would become wandering beggars (v. 10)? There are a couple of important perspectives to keep in mind.

First, humans are sinful and often treat each other in terrible ways. A casual glance at news headlines on any given day will confirm this truth all too clearly. In Psalm 109, David had suffered at the hands of people who falsely accused him (v. 2). This was a serious situation that could potentially be life-threatening. David also informs us that he was not their only victim. These people “hounded to death the poor and the needy and the brokenhearted” (v. 16). How should we respond in this type of situation? How should we pray in the face of deep human evil directed against us?

Second, what David does in this psalm is communicate his anger, hatred, and frustration before God. He is honest about how he feels. Sometimes when we are deeply wounded, disturbing thoughts and feelings well up in us. David takes those desires and lays them before God in a straightforward way (vv. 6–20). By doing this, David makes his anger against his enemies a part of his relationship with God. It is reassuring to realize that God is big enough to handle our honesty. David begs God to act in this situation and then, appropriately, leaves his circumstances in God's hands.

The New Testament clarifies that Jesus not only hears prayers like this from us but also, He Himself experienced injustice. Like David, Jesus was falsely accused and betrayed by someone He loved (vv. 4–5).

Action: Do you struggle with bitter feelings toward those who have wronged you? Follow David's example and bring those emotions honestly before God. Then pray that He will go before you in that difficult situation, showing you how to respond and acting on your behalf.

Prayer: God of Justice, though You have laid claim to vengeance, we still grapple with the injuries of evil directed at ourselves. We ask for Your justice upon those who harm us—and also for the power to extend love and forgiveness to them.

Extracted from the 2 MAY 2022 Daily Devotional written by Dr. Ryan Cook who has taught at Moody Bible Institute since 2012. This writing can be found at <https://www.todayintheword.org/issues/2022/i-lift-up-my-eyes/daily-devotional/help-me-god/>

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AZ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The AZ State 55th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session convened on Monday, 10 JAN 2022; expected adjournment Sine Die was on 30 APR 2022. *On 19 APR 2022 the Session was extended past the 100th day deadline: actual adjournment TBD.

Upcoming / Active AZ Bills can be found at: <https://legiscan.com/AZ> The AZ Legislative calendar can be viewed at <https://www.azleg.gov/>. ADVS Military and Veterans Legislative updates for the 2022 session can be found at <https://dvs.az.gov/legislative-updates>

An AZ Veterans Caucus was held in person and via Zoom on 25 APR 2022 with Rep. Richard Andrade and Rep. Walter Blackman hosting. The agenda included a brief by Rory Diamond, CEO for K9's for Warriors; discussion by Members of the Legislature on bills they are sponsoring; and a brief overview of Veteran and Military Legislation being looked at this session.



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Pride of the Valley of the Sun!

**"It is nobler
to serve
than to be
served"**

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MOWW Preamble

- To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;
- To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and flag;
- To promote and further patriotic education in our nation;
- Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our national government and the Constitution of the United States;
- To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the armed forces;
- To promote the cultivation of military, naval, and air science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of national security for the United States of America;
- To acquire and preserve records of individual services;
- To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of memorials of the World Wars; and
- To transmit all these ideals to posterity; under God and for our country, we unite to establish ...

The Military Order of the World Wars.

OY 2022 Chapter Meeting Schedule & Important Dates:

♦ **25 JUN 2022** ~ Chapter Meeting, American Legion Post 44, Scottsdale/hybrid; Program TBD

♦ **Summer Break**

♦ **5-9 JUL 2022** ~ AZYLC 2022, ASU West, Glendale, AZ

**Happy
Birthday
May
Babies!**



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